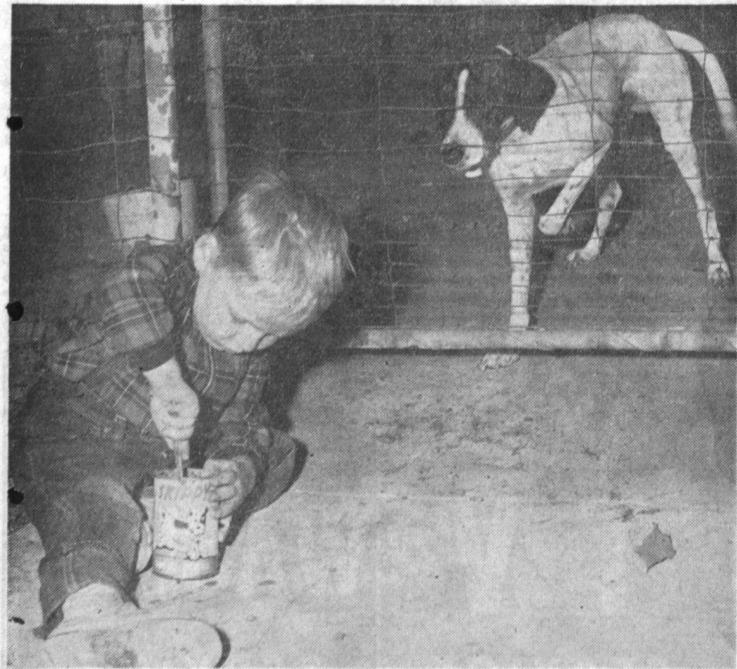


### Third Finalist in Photo Contest



**NOW TIME**—C. H. Stowell, of 2316 W. 239th st., submitted this photograph, which shows his grandson, Tommy Stowell, industriously digging up some grub for his pet dog. Stowell becomes the third finalist in the six-week Torrance Press Amateur Photography contest. The contest will run for three more weeks, after which time first, second and third place winners will be named from the six finalists.

## Let's Get Down to Business on the Recreation Problem

An Editorial

Torrance is growing at such a pace that it seems that the "powers that be" can't keep up with the normal requirements of a community.

It is time that the recreation program of the city cease being a political football, and that the resources of the community logically due the program be used for recreation for all — children and adults.

#### Money Available

When we say, "resources" we mean the money available in the both school and city budgets which can and should be used for after school, Saturday, Sunday and vacation recreation programs.

There is sufficient money now within the reach of the city and schools to establish a good, sound, beneficial recreation program of this type — and the City Council and Board of Education owe it to the children of the community to bring about such a program.

If this editorial is to be taken as critical of any political body of the community, let us say that we feel that neither group (the Board of Education nor the City Council) has taken hold of the need, viewed it unselfishly — and neither has come up with a sound, workable program. Why? Jealousy of one political body for the other.

#### Schools Can Do It

This newspaper feels that the School

District, with its college-trained athletic and recreation leaders, is better qualified to direct the program than the city. We also know that the schools have the land, the playgrounds, the facilities which can be thrown into a program without additional cost for "parks", "playgrounds" and other facilities such as proposed by the city when considering the various additional taxes a few years ago.

#### Surveys "Filed"

Yes, the city's recreation budget of \$40,000 a year, thrown in with the school's facilities and its money on a well-grounded, well thought-out program, could work and would work, if given a chance.

The City of Torrance has had many recreation "surveys" made, and the council has simply received the reports and "filed" them. All of them have suggested, we understand, joint programs with the schools. Take Long Beach, for instance, which has been operating on a coordinated city and school recreation program, set up in the City Charter, for 25 years. It is a world-beater. It was designed by an out-of-town recreation expert, who made the last recreation survey, now long forgotten, for the City of Torrance.

Torrance has doubled its population (Continued on Page 5)

## NAME 3RD FINALIST IN PHOTO CONTEST

The third of six finalists in the First Annual Torrance Press Amateur Photography Contest was named this week. C. H. Stowell, of 2316 W. 239th St., submitted a picture showing his grandson feeding his pet dog. The photo was adjudged the finest of numerous excellent entries received during the third week of the contest.

Next Monday at 5 p. m. is the deadline for entries in the fourth of the weekly judgments. All amateur photographers living within the circulation area of this newspaper are invited to enter their favorite snapshot or photograph in the competition.

First prize in the contest is \$50 in cash to be awarded by the Torrance Press. Second and third prizes are a complete home developing outfit, donated by A-1 Photo Supplies, and an Eastman Duaflex camera and six rolls of film, contributed by McCown Drug Stores.

Entries may either be brought or mailed to the Torrance Press office, 1406 Cravens Ave., along with the name, address and age of the entrant. Include negative with pictures that measure under 5 by 7 inches.

Judges in the contest are Miss Pat Roden, assistant editor of the Torrance Press; James Giacalone, manager of A-1 Photo Supplies, and Harry Petro, manager of McCown Drugs.

## Save Twins By Complete Blood Change

A complete change of blood, substituting RH positive for RH negative, was giving the Jones twins, Denise Ann and Dennis Oliver, a better grip on life in Childrens Hospital in Los Angeles this week.

Doctors said the twins, born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, of 25311 Weston Road, South Torrance, in Torrance Memorial Hospital Thursday night, were "doing fine" in incubators following the blood transfers.

It was the second set of twins delivered by Mrs. Jones in 15 months. The first set, Debra and Donna, had no blood factor troubles.

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# PARENTS OF LAD HURT ON OIL WELL TO SUE

## Demand Oil Well Fencing

What is possibly one of the most tragic accidents in years in this city has touched off a wave of indignation over the laxness of city officials regarding oil well safety.irate parents are demanding to know why the city has for years allowed oil well owners to operate wells in residential areas without adequate safeguards around the pumps.

#### Leg Crushed

Last Saturday, on the day of his seventh birthday celebration, David Ramsey slipped while playing on an oil well pumper and fell into the moving mechanism of the pump. His leg was badly crushed and fractured at the knee, and his foot was very nearly severed from the leg.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ramsey of 23826 Madison St., this week signified the intention of suing the owners of the oil well for the injuries to their son. They have retained the services of a Beverly Hills attorney, Irving H. Green, to investigate the possibility of filing suit for damages against Earl Robinette and C. T. Rippey Sr., owners of the oil well, which is located at 2261 W. 233rd St.

#### Condition "Fair"

Meanwhile, doctors at Harbor General Hospital, where the lad was taken following the accident, stated yesterday that they are still uncertain whether or not they can save the leg. They reported the boy's condition as "fair."

A private investigator working with the attorney for the Ramseys revealed that he has found violations of city ordinances governing the operation of wells here.

#### Unfenced Sump

The investigator discloses that the well is feeding oil sludge into an unfenced oil sump within 25 yards of the pumping unit. This is in violation of the city's "Kathy Ficus" ordinance demanding that all oil sumps be fenced safely.

A move is under way now to pass a law requiring that a five-foot steel safety fence be placed around all oil well pumps in this city.

Pointing out that other cities in the South Bay area have such legislation, a number of civic minded persons are demanding that Torrance elected city officials enact legislation that will protect young children from the type of terrible accident that may result in the loss of David Ramsey's leg.



**THIS IS THE BOY AND THIS IS THE PUMP** — Seven-year-old David Ramsey, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ramsey, of 23826 Madison ave., Torrance, may lose his leg as the result of being crushed in the moving parts of the oil well pictured above. The lad was playing about the rocker arm, when he fell into the mechanism. Doctors at Harbor General Hospital are uncertain yet whether or not the lad's leg can be saved. The well is owned by C. T. Rippey Sr. and Earl Robinette.

## Award Contracts for Carr School, Four-Room Addition to Madrona BOARD LAUDS OFFICIALS

Bids for the Evelyn Carr elementary school in North Torrance and for an addition to the Madrona School were awarded by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

Low bid of \$318,766 by the Winter Construction Co. of Los Angeles was given the contract for the Carr School, which will be located on 168th St., between Yukon Ave. and Crenshaw Blvd.

#### Completion Date

This school will consist of four four-classroom wings, a double kindergarten building, home economics and shops building, and a combined health and administration building. The Board hopes to have this school completed in time for the beginning of school in September.

## Children Find Lost Cat Thru Classified Ad

Two little youngsters, Johnny and Gail Austen of Santa Ana, were made very happy last week when their pet cat "Chang" was returned to them.

The children lost the cat when they visited their grandmother here, and had to return to Santa Ana without him.

Their grandmother, Mrs. Vertie Grimm, ran a small ad in the Torrance Press classified section seeking the return of the pet.

She reported this week that a local resident, who had found the animal, saw the ad in the Torrance Press and returned the cat immediately.

She also disclosed that little Johnny and Gail have written a letter to their father, Capt. Marshall Austin, who is now serving in Korea, to tell him not to worry about "Chang," because he has been returned.

This is the tiny ad that brought about the return of the children's pet:

LOST Male Siamese cat, named "Chang" around neck. Reward. Ph.: 1663-R. Lose it? Find it? Want to sell it? Want to buy it?

Whatever your needs, Torrance Press classifieds are your best answer. Just call Torrance 1185.

## Realty Association Head To Speak Here Wednesday

Members of the Torrance-Lomita Realty Board have been invited to attend a dinner dance being given for all realtors of the South Bay and Harbor areas, according to Howard J. Percy, president of the local board.

Frank McBride Jr., president of the California Real Estate Association, will be guest of honor and principal dinner speaker at the affair, which will be held on Wednesday, March 11, at the Western Avenue Cafe.

A refreshment and social hour is scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30, with chicken dinner to follow. The rest of the evening will be given over to dancing, Percy said.

## Woman Dies In Accident

A Long Beach woman was crushed to death in the Keystone district last Sunday when her car skidded out of control on Sepulveda Blvd. just east of Main st. and wrapped itself around a power pole.

Mrs. Evelyn Durham, 48, of Long Beach, was instantly killed when she was hurled under the car as it rammmed the pole.



**GUEST AT DEMO MEET**—Walter Blinn, U. S. Attorney General for Southern California (second from right) was guest speaker at last Sunday's breakfast meeting of the Torrance Democratic Club. More than 100 persons attended the meet, which was held at Moose Hall. With Blinn are, left to right, Gordon Lewis, program chairman; Mrs. Edward Schwartz, state committeewoman; and Nick Draie, president of the organization.

## Beauty Expert Series Begins Here Today

An authoritative column dealing with the underlying secrets of feminine beauty and charm will begin today appearing regularly in the Torrance Press.

Written by Fran Colmar, who for years has been a beauty consultant with many of the world's most famous cosmetics concerns and has lectured extensively in the United States and Canada, the articles will reveal to Press readers the secrets of beauty well known to beautiful models and lovely screen stars.

A graduate of the University of Toronto where she majored in chemistry, Miss Colmar has been assisting women with their personal beauty and posture problems for more than ten years.

Miss Colmar welcomes the inquiries of Press readers who have hair, skin or make-up problems. Simply write her in care of this newspaper.

"Your Beauty Plan With Fran" is exclusive with the Torrance Press in this area. It appears today on page 12.



**NEARING COMPLETION**—The new home of Star Furniture Co., located at the corner of Torrance Blvd. and Cravens ave., is rapidly nearing completion as the well-known furniture firm makes preparations to move from their present location on Sartori ave. In inset, Frank Higgins, left, and Steve Schmidt, partners in the business, look over final plans for the new structure. Star Furniture Co. was originally opened here 20 years ago. This move has set the pace for the development of Torrance Blvd.